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(54) Title: OXYGENATING AGENTS FOR ENHANCING HOST RESPONSES TO MICROBIAL INFECTIONS

(57) Abstract: Oxygenating agents are used in the present invention for the novel purpose of treating microbial infections. The invention takes advantage of the fact that the increase in tissue pO₂ produced thereby can enhance the efficacy of the body's own antimicrobial defenses (including tissue repair), while also improving the efficacy of adjunctive agents that may be co-administered, such as antimicrobial agents, antioxidants, cytokine modulators, endotoxin antagonists and growth factors. The oxygenating agents of the present invention achieve the desired increased pO₂ in the tissues without having to resort to the risks and expenses of hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBO). The oxygenating agents can be administered systemically, regionally, or topically.



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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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1. claims: 2 to 5 and Claims 1, 11 to 58 in part

methods of treating a microbial infection by administering a
a HAEM based product

2. claims: 6, 7 and Claims 1, 11 to 58 in part

methods of treating a microbial infection by administering a
PERFLUOROCARBON

3. claims: 8 and Claims 1, 11 to 58 in part

methods of treating a microbial infection by administering
AQUEOUS OXYGEN

4. claims: 1, 10 to 58 in part

methods of treating a microbial infection by administering
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

5. claims: 1, 10 to 58 in part

methods of treating a microbial infection by administering
TETRACHLORODECAOXIDE

6. claims: 1, 10 to 58 in part

methods of treating a microbial infection by administering
OZONE

7. claims: 1, 10 to 58 in part

methods of treating a microbial infection by administering
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE

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